

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:317
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2002
SETTING UP OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL HUB
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have been actively considering to set up tourism and cultural hub in every State to promote tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the total expenditure involved in setting up of such hubs and the sources through which funds are proposed to be mobilised; and
- (d) the time by which such hubs are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(b) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.317 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.
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(a) to (c) : The Department of Tourism, Government of India has proposed new schemes i.e. Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development for Central financial assistance during the 10th Five Year Plan for development and promotion of tourism in the country. A provision of Rs.59.50 crores has been earmarked for the year 2002-03 for Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Destinations. Central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations will include for the following activities: -

- Improvement of the surroundings and access to the destination.
- Illumination of tourist destination.
- Construction of budget accommodation, wayside amenities.
- Procurement of equipments directly related to tourism like water sports, adventure sports, eco-friendly modes of transport moving within the tourism zone.
- Refurbishment of the monuments
- Signages
- Tourist Reception Centre/Interpretation Centres. The aim is to develop atleast one tourism and cultural hub in every State of India.

(d) : Integrated circuits and destinations are being identified and developed after site visits in consultation and interaction with the State Governments. These projects will be implemented during the 10th plan period.